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Messina, August 20. N. S.

THIS morning came into Port the *Gospright*, Capt. *Appleby*, in 8 days from *Leghorne*, bound to *Scanderoon*. There are likewise in this Port three of the Great Duke's Gallys, and two of the Republick of *Genoua*, which are come hither to lade Silk. By a Vessel arrived here from the *Levant* we have advice, that the Venetian Fleet was in the *Archipelago*, raising Contributions on the Islands; and that the Turkish Fleet, commanded by *Mezzomorto*, lay in the Haven of *Scio*; and that the Turks had sent a strong Reinforcement to the Garison of *Negrepont*.

Leghorne, Sept. 10. We have an account from *Thoulon*, that 2 French Men of War sailed thence the last week to Croile, and 'twas believed they would stand over to *Algiers*, to confirm their Peace with that Government.

Milan, Sept. 17. The French Army is entred into the Spanish Territories, encamping according to our last advice at a place called *Satirana*: Their heavy Artillery that was left behind has joined them; and by the Preparations they have made, they seem to design a Siege: In all likelihood *Valence* is the place they intend to attack; and therefore the Allies have put into it a strong Garison; and their Army has been encamp'd since the 12th of this month at *San-Nazaro*, to observe the Enemies Motions. We hear that the Dukes of *Foix* and *Choiseul* are arrived at *Turin*, who are to remain there as Hostages on the part of the French King, for the performance of what is agreed on, with the Duke of *Savoy*; 'Tis said the French will shortly begin to demolish the Fortifications of the Town of *Pignerol*; but they will keep Garisons in the Cittadel there; as likewise in *Nissa*, *Susa*, and *Montmelian*, till the General Peace.

Milan, Sept. 19. The French Army is come before *Valence*, in order to Besiege that place; and the Allies are Encamped at *Pavia*: Our Governor has Published an Order for Arming the Peasants, which may be very useful in defending the Passes. Count *Mansfelt* is returned from *Turin*, and has since had several Conferences with the Generals of the Forces of the Allies.

Turin, Sept. 21. A Courier arrived here this day from the French Army, and brings an account, that they were set down before *Valence*, and would open their Trenches to morrow, or next day.

Venice, Sept. 21. The Senate have received advice by Letters from General *Delfino*, of the 7th instant, That on the 3d another Assault was made on the Castle of *Dulcigno*, with 800 Men; but the Besieged defended themselves so well, that our Men could not lodge themselves, but were forced to retire; whereupon a Council of War being held, it was resolved to quit the Siege, and accordingly the Artillery was Embarked the 5th instant, and the Troops the day following.

Vienna, Sept. 22. The last Advices from *Hungary* tell us, That the Sultan having left a Body of 12000 Men in the Neighbourhood of *Temeswaer*, he passed the *Danube* with the rest of his Forces at *Banzoua*, after which he caused the Bridge there to be taken away, marched towards *Belgrade*, and Encamped the Army near that place; and 'twas believed the Sultan would in few days return to *Adrianople*. The Imperial Army was marching towards *Titul*; and General *Rabutin* was sent with 10 or 12000 Men, to observe the Turkish Troops that staid about *Temeswaer*. The Elector of *Saxony* will return the next week to *Dresden*. Count *Styrum* is arrived here from *Germany*, being made General of the Imperial Horse in *Hungary*.

Cologne, October 2. The last Letters from the *Upper Rhine* inform us, That the Confederate Army continued at *Mosbach*, and the French on the other side of the *Spierbach*; and there being no appearance of Action, the French having posted themselves so advantageously, and fortified their Camp with such strong Intrenchments, that it was impossible to attack them, 'twas believed the Armies would soon separate, and go into their Winter Quarters. The Landtgrave of *Hesse Cassel* has left the Army, and is gone home.

Hamburgh, Octob. 2. The Mediators and other Ministers, who are to assist at the Treaty for adjusting the Differences between the King of *Denmark*, and the Duke of *Holstein*, will begin to assemble the next week at *Pinnenburg*. They write from *Warsaw* of the 18th past, That the Dyet having spent several days in Debates about the Queen's withdrawing from thence, without coming to any Resolution therein; She had been advised to retire of her own accord, and accordingly left that City, the day these Letters came away. There had passed nothing else material in the Dyet.

Paris, Octob. 1. The French King is returned from *Marli* to *Versailles*, and goes on the 4th to *Fontainbleau*; he has put out a new Edict, erecting 5 Presidial Courts in the County of *Burgundy* with all their Officers, whereby 'tis proposed to raise 500000 Crowns, if they can find Persons to buy those Employments; which in all likelihood they will not, seeing most of the former new created Offices remain still undisposed of, for want of Purchasers. They write from *Dunkirk*, that *du Bart* was returned thither, without having taken any Prize in this Cruising. The advice we had some days ago by a Vessel come to St. *Malo*, that the Sieur *Renaud* was returned with his Squadron from the *West-Indies*, proves a false Report; but it's believed the want of Provisions will oblige him to come back in a short time. Letters from the French Camp before *Valence*, of the 22th past give an account, That the Place was Invested the 19th, by a Detachment under the Command of the Marquis *de Vins*: The 20th the French Forces began to pass the *Po*; and the Duke of *Savoy* and Mareschal *Catinat* viewed the Situation of the Town, and ordered the disposition of the Attacks. The 21th the Troops took their several Posts, and orders were given to make a great many Fascines. The 22th in the Evening the great Artillery was expected in our Camp; and they hoped to open the Trenches the 23th. The Besieged made a great and continual Fire with their Cannon, which playing upon the Quarters of the Duke and Mareschal *Catinat*; the former was obliged to remove his to a greater distance. The French have restored to the Duke of *Savoy* the Countries of *Nissa*, *Susa*, and *Pignerol*, but intend to keep Garisons in the Cittadels of those Places till the General Peace, though his Royal High-

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